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SUBJECT: POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF SOVIET CONSULATE GENERAL
IN WEST BERLIN

1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING PUBLIC TALK BY SOVIET CONSUL
TOUCHING ON NUMBER OF POLITICAL SUBJECTS, ALLIED MISSIONS
CALLED IN ACTING SOVIET CONSUL GENERAL TO CALL ATTENTION
TO THIS UNACCEPTABLE POLITICAL ACTIVITY. CONSUL EXPRESSED
"FULL UNDERSTANDING" OF ALLIED POSITION. END SUMMARY.

2. ANATOLIYI GRISHCHENKO, SECOND-RANKING MEMBER OF SOVIET
CONSULATE GENERAL IN WEST BERLIN, WAS FEATURED SPEAKER
AT OCTOBER 26 PUBLIC MEETING OF LOCAL GERMAN-SOVIET
FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY. IN PREPARED ADDRESS ON RECENT
MOSCOW "WORLD CONGRESS OF PEACE FORCES," GRISHCHENKO
INTRA ALIA CRITICIZED "IMPERIALIST FORCES" FOR SEEKING
TO PERPETUATE "RIGID BLOCK POLICY," AND CHARACTERIZED
ISRAELIS AS "BANDITS" AND AGGRESSORS IN MIDDLE EAST
WAR. IN QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION, GRISHCHENKO
COMMENTED DIRECTLY ON BERLIN AND QUADRIPARTITE MATTERS.
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HE EMPHASIZED THAT PARTICIPATION OF SEPAATE WEST BERLIN

DELEGATION IN MOSCOW CONGRESS HAD "SPECIAL MEANING" -FFIRMED THAT SOVIET UNION WOULD NOT BE PARTY TO EFFORTS TO CREATE NEW RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND FRG; AND DECLARED THAT, WHILE QA PROVIDED GOOD BASE FOR WEST BERLIN'S "RECOVERY TO HEALTH," IF ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO SPOIL AGREEMENT IT WOULD CLEARLY PRODUCE NO GOOD FRUIT.

3. ALLIED MISSIONS DETERMINED THAT BOTH CONTENT AND CONTEXT OF GRISHCHENKO'S REMARKS CONSTITUTED POLITICAL ACTIVITY OF SORT PROSCRIBED IN AGREED MINUTE II OF QA, AS WELL AS IN UNDERSTANDINGS WORKED OUT BY POLADS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF CONGEN. ACCORDINGLY, CHAIRMAN PROTOCOL OFFICER (BRITISH) CALLED IN CONSUL KOZOBRODOV (IN ABSENCE OF CONSUL GENERAL SHARKOV), AND INFORMED HIM THAT THREE ALLIED MISSIONS HAD NOTED WITH SURPRISE THAT CONSUL GRISHCHENKO HAD SPOKEN ON OCTOBER 26 AT A PUBLIC MEETING ORGANIZED BY THE SDF CLUB ON A NUMBER OF POLITICAL SUBJECTS. KOZOBRODOV WAS REMINDED OF STIPULATIONS AGAINST CONSULATE GENERAL'S CONCERNING ITSELF WITH POLITICAL FUNCTIONS OR ANY MATTERS RELATED TO QUADRI-PARTITE RIGHTS OR RESPONSIBILITIES. PREAPRED STATEMENT CONCLUDED THAT THREE ALLIES LOOKED TO CONSUL GENERAL TO ENSURE THAT THERE WAS NO RECURRENCE OF THIS IRREGULARITY.

4. IN RESPONSE TO STATEMENT KOZOBRODOV ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE FOR GRISHCHENKO TO SPEAK AT CLOSED MEETINGS. BRITISH PROTOCOL OFFICER SAID THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DEFINE A CLOSED MEETING, AND REMARKED THAT OCTOBER 26 MEETING AT WHICH PRESS PRESENT WAS CERTAINLY NOT CLOSED. PROTOCOL OFFICER CONTINUED (WE BELIEVE NOT TOO ADVISEDLY) THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR GRISHCHENKO TO SPEAK ON COMMERCIAL RELATIONS OR ARTISTIC AND CULTURAL SUBJECTS, BUT NOT ON POLITICAL AND ESPECIALLY QUADRI-PARTITE MATTERS. KOZOBRODOV EXPRESSED "FULL UNDERSTANDING."
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